

# Supervisors of Babylon, Brookhaven and Islip Ask Governor Cuomo to Seek Presidential Disaster Declaration for August 13 Flooding

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**Farmingville, NY** - The Supervisors of Babylon, Brookhaven and Islip Towns today issued a joint letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo, asking that he formally request a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the areas affected by the historic August 13 rainstorms that flooded the homes and businesses of hundreds of residents. This declaration is needed to allow federal financial assistance and relief to those who suffered losses as a result of this storm.

Homes across Babylon, Brookhaven and Islip were flooded and severely damaged during the unprecedented rainstorm that occurred on August 13. Most of the residents impacted by this storm are being forced to shoulder the immense financial burden associated with its aftermath. FEMA funding, or other federal relief, is needed by these people, who in some instances have lost most of their possessions and have had their homes condemned.

The letter states "Now that the true devastation of this event has been assessed, we are asking that you request a Presidential Disaster Declaration for our towns. This declaration is necessary for our residents to obtain the federal assistance they need to recover and rebuild their homes and businesses."

"Hundreds of our residents were devastated by this storm, which left many of them with tens of thousands of dollars in damage," said Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine. "These people need help, and we are asking the Governor to request this declaration, so that our residents can get the federal assistance and financial relief they need."

"The recent historic rainfall has devastated numerous homeowners and businesses in the Town of Babylon, some of whom were only just recovering from Superstorm Sandy," said Babylon Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer. "I am proud to stand with Supervisors Romaine and Croci in calling for the vital assistance that these families need to get back on their feet."

"Many of the properties that suffered damage from this powerful rain event are not covered by flood insurance, which presents a major hardship for our homeowners and business owners. Our residents and business owners need help. We hope the Governor supports our efforts to provide our residents the immediate assistance they need to get their homes repaired and businesses up and running," said Islip Town Supervisor Tom Croci.

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